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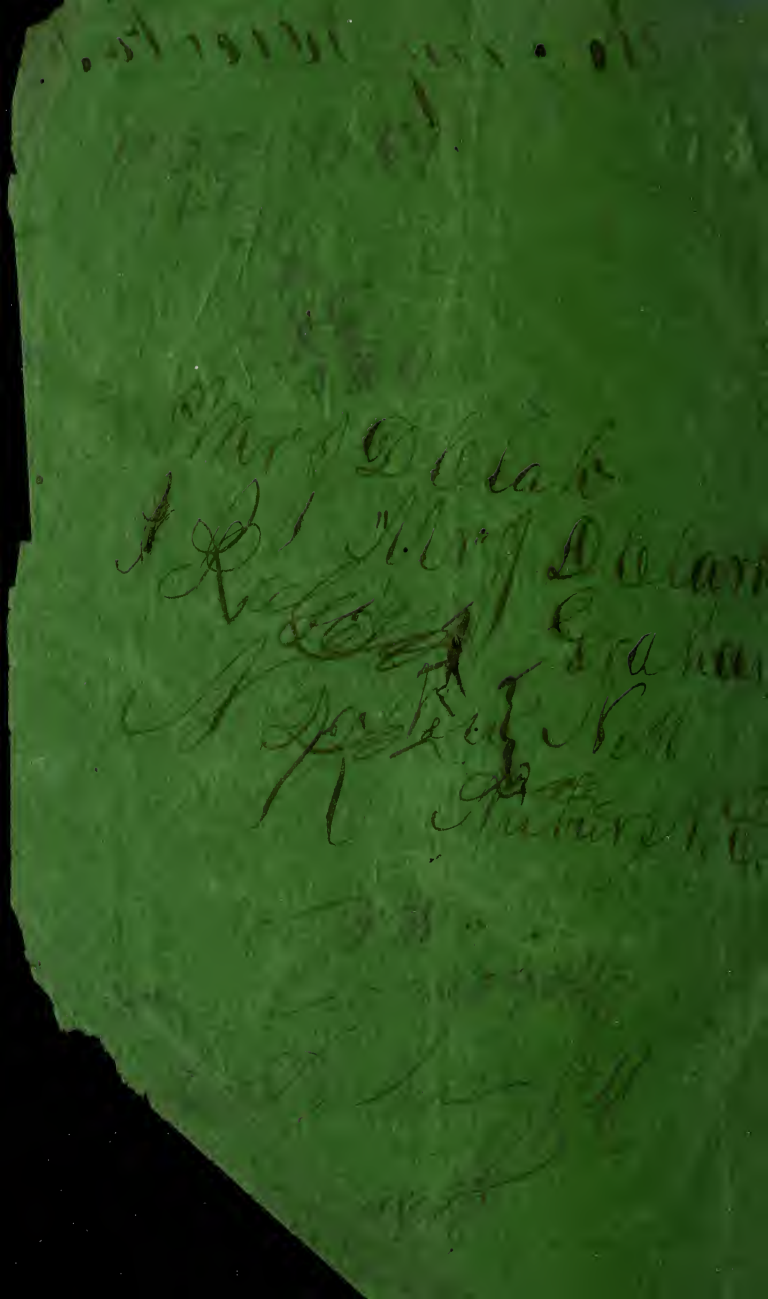

MINUTES.

HANES' CHAPEL, N. C., October 9, 1861.

THE "NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE" met pursuant to adjournment, and the President and Vice-President of the last session both being absent at the time, the body was called to order by the Secretary, Elder Solomon Apple.

On motion of S. Apple, Elder T. J. Fowler was chosen Chairman pro tem. Conference then opened with singing and prayer by S. Apple.

On motion, the following brethren were appointed a committee to nominate permanent officers for the Conference, viz: J. McCulloch, G. G. Walker, Dr. S. J. Moffit, J. W. Hatch. After a short retirement, the committee returned and recommended the following brethren, to wit: For President, Elder S. Apple; for Vice-President, Elder J. R. Holt; for Secretary, Elder B. N. Hopkins; for Assistant Secretary, W. J. Gragson. The vote being taken, the above named brethren were unanimously elected.

On motion, the names of the ministers and delegates were enrolled.

ELDERS PRESENT.—G. G. Walker, J. W. Wellons, B. N. Hopkins, D. T. Deanes, W. N. Bragg, T. G. Craven, J. McCulloch, T. J. Fowler, H. B. Hayes, J. N. Manning, S. Apple, A. Franks, J. R. Holt, J. N. Farrell, P. W. Allen, R. G. Tinnin, J. I. Hobby, Wm. M. Craven.

ELDERS ABSENT.—J. Albright, W. H. Doherty, A. Iseley, A. Apple, L. Lambeth, W. S. Jordan, Wm. Rollins, J. Gunter, A. G. Anderson, A. S. Nelson, Thos. Truitt, A. Craven, Chastien Allen, J. S. Swift.

LICENTIATES PRESENT.—W. S. Long, John Goodrich, C. A. Apple.

LICENTIATES ABSENT.—L. C. Madison, A. T. Rich, Abner Apple, J. S. Lawrence.

[For list of Delegates see Statistical Table.]

On motion, the letters from the various churches were called for and received.

On motion, the President was authorized to appoint the usual committees, and requested to announce the committee on religious exercises to-night. The Chair announced, on Religious Exercises, T. J. Fowler, J. W. Hatch, A. Moring.

Conference then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder J. W. Wellons.

October 10, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Conference convened. Singing and prayer by Elder T. G

Craven. The minutes of last evening's session were read and approved.

On motion of B. N. Hopkins, W. J. Gragson was excused from the post of Assistant Secretary, and C. A. Apple was chosen to fill his place.

The Chair announced the following committees:

On Ordination.—J. R. Holt, J. McCulloch, G. G. Walker, H. B. Hayes, T. J. Fowler.

On the Standing and Character of Ministers.—A. Moring, M. C. Winston, J. W. Boyd, J. Freeman, Dr. S. J. Moffit.

On Itinerancy.—J. McCulloch, W. K. Martin, R. Maynard, J. W. Hatch, M. Murchison, M. J. Fulp, W. D. Moffit.

On Home Missions.—J. N. Manning, B. N. Hopkins, G. G. Walker.

On Statistics.—H. B. Hayes, W. N. Bragg, J. W. Wellons.

On Temperance.—D. T. Deanes, T. G. Craven, J. Goodrich.

On Sabbath Schools.—G. G. Walker, W. S. Long, W. H. Matthews.

On Finance.—W. J. Gragson, M. McCauley, J. J. Jenkins.

On Examination of Candidates for License.—B. N. Hopkins, J. R. Holt, J. N. Manning, T. J. Fowler.

On Memoirs.—J. R. Holt, C. A. Apple, A. Franks.

On Periodicals.—J. W. Wellons, H. B. Hayes, W. N. Bragg.

On Motion of J. N. Manning, it was resolved that Elder E. W. Beale, of the Eastern Virginia Conference, be received as an Elder in, and a member of this body.

On motion the Chairman was requested to appoint a committee on unfinished business. The Chair appointed J. N. Farrell, J. C. Holt, E. W. Beale, said committee.

W. N. Bragg offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the chair appoint a special committee of five to devise a plan for dividing the Conference into districts.

T. J. Fowler moved to amend by striking out all after the word "five," and causing it to read as follows:

Resolved, That the chair appoint a special committee of five to consider the propriety of districting the Conference, and if they shall consider such a measure proper, they are requested to devise a suitable plan for that purpose. The resolution as amended was agreed to.

The chair announced the following brethren as a committee under the above resolution, viz:

W. K. Martin, A. Moring, J. W. Hatch, J. N. Manning, T. J. Fowler.

On motion, the names of the President and Vice President were added to the committee.

J. N. Manning offered a preamble and resolutions relative to the literary acquirements of candidates for license and for ordination, which was received. J. McCulloch moved its adoption, and pending the discussion Conference adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

October 10, 2 o'clock, P. M,

Conference convened. On motion of G. G. Walker, the Rev. Mr. Ellis and the Rev. Mr. Churchell, of the Baptist Church, who were present, were invited to take seats in Conference as honorary members.

The pending question was then taken up, and after much discussion was referred to a special committee of five to be appointed by the chair. The chair announced J. R. Holt, J. N. Manning, J. McCulloch, E. W. Beale, and J. W. Wellons said committee.

On motion of G. G. Walker, the moneys contributed by the various churches for the Conference Fund were called for and received. [See Appendix.]

The report of the Conference committee was presented by the chairman, Elder J. N. Manning, and, on motion, was received. The committee report that the charges preferred by the Raleigh Church against Elders Bragg and Hayes were not sustained, and also recommended that the Raleigh church be stricken from the list of churches. On motion of T. J. Fowler, the report was adopted. [The report, on account of its length, is omitted.]

Elder D. T. Deancs presented a petition from the church at Liberty Hill, Moore county, N. C., praying for admission into this body, which prayer was unanimously granted by Conference. Conference then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Singing and prayer by Elder J. W. Wellons.

October 11, 9 o'clock, A, M,

Conference convened. Singing and prayer by Elder P. W. Allen. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of districting the Conference, presentod their report which was received. J. W. Wellons moved to consider the report by articles. Agreed to.

B. N. Hopkins offered a substitute for the third article, which was adopted. J. R. Holt moved to amend tne 4th article by inserting "annual" before the word "Conference." Agreed to. The report, with the above amendments, were adopted as a whole. The report, as finally adopted, read as follows:

Whereas, The present system for supplying the churchesf of this Conference with ministerial labor, and otherwise meeting their moral wants, and protecting their local inferests is deficient, therefore,

Resolved, That we adopt the following

Plan for organizing the Churches of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference, so that they can be the better supplied with ministrrial labor, &c.

ARTICLE I.—The Conference shall be divided into districts or associations, each district to contain a sufficient number of churches or preaching places to secure the services of an efficient minister.

ARTICLE II.—These divisions shall be called "Associations of Churches," and shall be numbered and enrolled upon the minutes of the Conference.

ARTICLE III.—Each of these associations may hold an annual meeting, composed of such a number of delegates from the individual churches as may be mutually agreed upon. Said meeting may be held at any time preceding the Annual Conference, and may transact such business as pertains to its own local interest.

ARTICLE IV.—Whenever a difficulty of any kind shall arise in an individual church, and the church cannot settle it, the other churches of the association with which it is connected may be called in to aid in its adjustment, and if they cannot determine it, the matter may be brought before the next Annual Conference.

ARTICLE V.—The associations may proceed in the same way to procure the services of a minister that the individual churches have formerly done, and if they leave the matter undetermined or neglected, their wants may be supplied by Conference in the same manner as those of the individual churches have been heretofore.

Respectfully submitted,

W. K. MARTIN, chairman.

J. N. Manning offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Conference appoint a committee of seven ministers and one delegate from each church represented to divide the Conference according to the plan proposed, and to report to this body.

J. W. Hatch proposed to amend by striking out "Conference" from the first clause, and inserting the words "the chair," in its place. Agreed to. The resolution as thus amended was adopted. The special committee to which was referred the preamble and resolutions offered by J. N. Manning brought in their report, which was received. B. N. Hopkins moved to amend the first section by inserting "Church History." Agreed to. The report, as amended, was adopted, and reads as follows:

WHEREAS, The cause of liberal christianity has suffered much for the want of a well educated ministry, and as the deficiency of ministerial qualifications is so apparent, it is not a matter of surprise that our principles have not been more extensively propagated. For it is absolutely necessary that the intellectual attainments of the clergy should equal the mental training of the laity, and as the numerous schools of the country are offering liberal advantages to the common people, the preacher should not fail to receive, likewise, the

full benefit of academical learning. And as a necessity for raising the standard of education among the ministry thus arises, Therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend that every candidate applying to this Conference for license, shall, in addition to the requisite moral qualifications, be able to pass a fair examination in the following branches of learning, viz:—Geography, Arithmetic, English Grammar, Bible History, Church History, and the histories of England and the United States.

Resolved, further, That we would recommend that every applicant for ordination shall, in addition to the requisite moral qualifications, pass a fair examination in the following studies, viz:—Geography; to include Ancient, Modern and Sacred; Comprehensive, or High School Arithmetic; Analytical English Grammar, Profane History, to include the histories of Greece and Rome, ancient and modern; European and United States History; Ecclesiastical History; Moral Philosophy, and Sacred Rhetoric,

This Conference would likewise recommend the study of the Classics, and the reading of the Scriptures in the ancient languages.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. R. HOLT, Chm'n.

B. N. Hopkins offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following brethren be, and are hereby, appointed an examining committee, whose duty it shall be to examine all candidates for the ministry at our next annual Conference, viz:—J. R. Holt, J. N. Manning, S. Apple, T. J. Fowler, A. G. Anderson, and A. Iseley.

J. N. Manning moved to amend, by adding the name of the mover of the resolution. Agreed to. The resolution as amended was adopted.

On motion of B. N. Hopkins, it was

Resolved, That Bro. C. A. Apple deliver the next annual address before the Conference, and that Bro. W. S. Long be appointed his alternate.

The Chair then announced the following committee under the resolution of Elder Manning in regard to districting the Conference, viz:

MINISTERS:—B. N. Hopkins, T. J. Fowler, R. G. Tinnin, P. W. Allen D. T. Deanes, W. N. Bragg, J. McCulloch.

DELEGATES.—Wm. Farrell, J. J. Jenkins, P. R. Jones, A. Utley, Jas. Ganter, B. Sears, Sion Mitchell, D. Oldham, D. T. Farmer, J. T. Moffit, Jno. Gunter, W. K. Martin, M. D. Strowd, I. F. Dillard, S. Beckwith W. M. G. Brady, A. G. Williams, O. Vestal, Jno. Jones, S. Edwards, R. Parish, R. Maynard, W. Pearce, G. C Boon, M. J. Fulp, J. C. Holt, L. S. Mabry, D. Thomas.

Conference then adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock, P. M.

October 11th, 7 o'clock, P. M.

Conference convened. On motion of J. McCulloch, Eld. W.

B. Wellons, messenger from the Eastern Virginia Conference, was invietd to a seat in this body, as a deliberative member. The committee appointed to examine candidates or the ministry made the following report which was received and adopted:

Report.—The committee on licentiates would recommend that W. K. Martin, W. D. Moffitt, W. H. Franks, and P. R. Jones be licensed by this Conference to exercise their ministerial gifts as the Good Spirit may direct.

J. R. HOLT, Chm'n.

The committee on the character and standing of the ministry handed in their report which was received and adopted.

Report.—We, your committee on the character and standing of the ministry, beg leave to report, that after a careful investigation, we find all our ministers in good standing except the following:

I. We are pained to be under the necessity of reporting Eld. J. I. Hobby as having acted inconsistently with the character of a christian minister, in several instances which we deem imprudent to bring before your body; and we recommend that the chair appoint a select committee further to investigate the case and decide thereon.

II. We further feel under the painful necessity of bringing before Conference the case of Dr. J. B. Hinton, who has not acted with that brotherly love that should characterize every christian minister. And having made an announcement in the Christian Sun that he no longer considers himself a member of this body, we therefore recommend Conference to take his case into consideration, and to discharge this Committee from further action thereon.

III. The case of Prof. W. H. Doherty has also been investigated by us, and we very much regret to be under the necessity of reporting him for intemperance and falsehood. We submit his case to Conference for further consideration. All of which is respectfully submitted A. MORNIG, Chm'n.

The chair announced the following committee on the case of Eld. Hobby, viz:—H. B. Hayes, G. G. Walker, P. W. Allen, M. McCauley, Wm. Ferral. On motion of B. N. Hopkins it was

Resolved, That the name of Dr. J. B Hinton be stricken from our list of ministers, for reasons satisfactory to the Conference.

On motion of J. N. Manning the case of Eld. Doherty was referred to the Conference committee.

The committee appointed to district the Conference presented the following report which was received and adopted:

Report.—The committee to whom was referred the districting of the Conference, would offer, after due deliberation, the following report, viz:

Dan River Association, District No. 1.—Reece's Chapel, Pleasant Grove, Shiloh, Union Chapel, and Midway.

Tar River Association, District No. 2.—Mt. Auburn, Fuller's, Oak Grove, Liberty Hill, Pope's Chapel, Good Hope.

New Hope Association, District No. 3.—O'Kelly's Chapel, Damascus, Hank's Chapel, Martha's Chapel.

Middle Creek Association, District No. 4.—Pleasant Springs, Wake Chapel, Christian Chapel, Pleasant Hill, Uttley's School House.

Cape Fear Association, District No. 5.—Shallow Well, Moore Union, Zion, Antioch, Bell's Bethel.

Moore Association, District No. 6.—Pleasant Grove, Christian Union, Shady Grove, Brown's Chapel, Liberty Grove, New Salem, Acorn Ridge.

Deep River Association, District No. 7.—Pleasant Hill, Shiloh, Parks Cross Roads, Pleasant Ridge.

Haw River Association, District No. 8.—New Providence, Mt. Zion.

Shallow Ford Association, District No. 10.—Hines' Chapel, Brown's Chapel, Mt. Bethel, Gant's Chapel, Ebenezer, Salem Chapel, Pine Ridge.

Lebanon Station, No. 11.—Lebanon.

Newbern Station, No. 12—Newbern.

Wilmington Station, No. 13.—Wilmington.

Alamance Station, No. 14.—Union Chapel.

Respectfully Submitted, B. N. HOPKINS, Chm'n.

On motion of T. J. Fowler, Rev. Mr. Farrington, of the M. E. Church, was invited to a seat as an honorary member of this body.

On motion of J. McCulloch, Bros. J. R. Holt, J. N. Manning, and W. H. Read were appointed a Conference committee for the ensuing year.

On Motion of A. Moring, it was Resolved, That Conference go into the election of delegates to the next session of the Southern Christian Convention to-morrow morning at the opening of the session.

The committee on Temperance brought in the following report, which was received and adopted :

Report.—We, your committee on Temperance, beg leave to report to your body, That, whereas, the history of the past, and the observation of the present assure us that king Alcohol has, for upwards of six hundred years, swayed his dark sceptre of death over the nations of the earth, blasting the brightest hopes of the youthful imagination, paralyzing the vigorous arm of manhood, destroying the usefulness of the most brilliant minds of our country, and bringing their bodies to an untimely grave. And, whereas, he has transformed the sterner sex into minions of Satan, thereby blanching the cheek of many a fair daughter of Eve, no more to bloom on earth, therefore,

Resolved, That we, as a Conference, disapprobate the making, vending or using, as a beverage, all Alcoholic liquors; and we recommend that every minister connected with this body, deliver a lecture to each church of his charge during the present Conference year, and present similar resolutions on the subject, to be received or rejected as they, in their wisdom, may think fit. Respectfully submitted,

D. T. DEANES, chm'n.

On motion of J. N. Manning, Conference went into the election of delegates to represent it in the next session of the Eastern Virginia Conference. The following brethren were chosen, viz: W. K. Martin, J. N. Manning, J. W. Wellons.

The ministers then handed in their reports. (See Appendix.)

Conference then adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M. Singing and prayer by B. N. Hopkins.

October 12th, 9 o'clock, A. M..

Conference convened. Singing and prayer by J. N. Farrell. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Conference went into an election of delegates to the Convention.

The following brethren were chosen, viz:

ELDERS:—T. J. Fowler, B. N. Hopkins, A. G. Anderson, J. N. Manning, J. R. Holt, A. Iseley, S. Apple, J. McCulloch, E. W. Beale, and G. G. Walker.

LAYMEN.—A. Mering, J. W. Hatch, E. F. Watson, Jno. Faucette, W. H. Read, H. Harbour, Dr. S. J. Moffitt, M. C. Winston, C. E. Faucette, P. R. Harden.

On motion of J. McCulloch, Elders J. R. Holt and T. J. Fowler and Dr. S. J. Moffit were appointed a committee to express the feeling of this body in regard to the present crisis of the country. The committee on Ordination presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT.—The committee on ordination report as follows We have several young brethren who promise great usefulness, and who, we believe, from their knowledge and zeal might, with great propriety, be invested with the functions of Elder, yet considering the shortness of time they have been engaged in the ministry, and the very responsible position of an Elder in the church, we do not deem it advisable to present the names of any for ordination at the present session of the Conference. Respectfully Submitted,

J. R. Holt, Chm'n.

Conference adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

October 12th 2 o'clock, P. M.

Conference convened. The committee on unfinished business presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT:—Your committee on unfinished business, beg leave to report that no unfinished business has come before us, and we recommend, that for the future, this committee be discontinued. Respectfully submitted,

J. N. FARRELL, Chm'n.

W. K. Martin moved to appoint a committee of two to con-

fer with Elder W. B. Wellons in regard to the printing of the Minutes. Agreed to. The chair appointed W. K. Martin and J. W. Hatch said committee. On motion of C. A. Apple it was

Resolved, That our sincere thanks be, and are hereby, tendered to the brethren and friends, around Hank's Chapel, for their kind and hospitable treatment of the ministers and delegates of this Conference.

The committee appointed to confer with the Editor of the Christian Sun, made their report, recommending that the minutes be printed in pamphlet form. On motion, the vote of the churches was called to ascertain how much each would pay for minutes. On motion,

Ordered, That the minutes of the Conference be printed at the office of the Christian Sun.

Ordered, That the amounts contributed by the various churches be increased to $41 50 out of the Conference fund.

Ordered, That the amount due Elder W. B. Wellons, for printing the annual address of last year, be paid him by the Treasurer, out of the Conference fund, on presentation of his claim.

The committee on Periodicals presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT.—Your committee on Periodicals, beg leave to report:—We conceive that we of the Christian connection in the South, can fully appreciate the advantages arising from a well-conducted periodical—such an one as we conceive the Christian Sun to be. A good religious newspaper has ever proved itself to be a welcome messenger to the truly pious individual, and more especially to the devoted family circle. It is, in fact, a rich treasure to be possessed and enjoyed, in which may be found gems of inestimable value. It is ever attractive, entertaining and instructive to the intelligent mind. Who then, we ask, that truly appreciates its worth, would willingly be dispossessed of it?

But, like the human system, it cannot live without the means of support. It is therefore necessary that the fostering care of its friends should at all times be extended toward it. The Christian Sun is the only periodical of the Christian connexion in the Confederate States, and what would be our loss, as a people in the South, should its light go out in these times of revolution? Your committee would not, cannot, undertake to estimate the loss! Let every lover, then, of our paper, bestir himself in its support lest it should unhappily share the fate of its contemporaries. We therefore urge upon the brotherhood everywhere the propriety of unremitting diligence in its extension and support.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. WELLONS, CHM'N.

The committee appointed to prepare suitable preamble and resolutions on the state of the country presented the following report which was unanimously received and adopted:

COMMITTEE'S REPORT on the present distressed state of the country, presented and adopted at the late session of the

North Carolina Christian Conference. Elders John R. Holt and Thomas J. Fowler and Dr. S. J. Moffit composed the committe. The committee on the present distressed state of the country, beg leave to report the following:

WHEREAS, All religious denominations receive protection from the civil government, and thus, Providentially enjoy all their denominational rights and privileges undiminished, when that government is in a peaceable and healthy condition;

AND WHEREAS, All churches must suffer an identical decline, or enjoy a common prosperity just as a condition of misfortune or salutary progress is suffered or enjoyed by the country;

AND FURTHER WHEREAS, causes have arisen which have led to a separation of the Southern or slaveholding States from the old Union, and the two sections are in a belligerent attitude, engaged in a solemn and sanguinary war;

AND WHEREAS. All the churches in the land must necessarily share the anxieties, burdens and distress of this momentous crisis; therefore,

Resolved, That we as a denomination through the Conference, would give expression of our views and feelings briefly upon the subject.

1. That the Southern Confederacy is not at all responsible for the war that is now raging.

2. That we well understand the motive which has induced a mere section of the government to assume to constitute that government still, and to attempt to coerce the other section into an involuntary connection with it; and that the one ruling idea of abolition, unjust and unholy as it is, has urged them to this audacious, mad and fratricidal policy, and that they alone are responsible for the war with all its calamities and horrors.

3. That without claiming any further right than belongs to every individual and every community peaceably and publicly to express opinions upon all matters of any public importance, we would meekly, though decidedly, give expression of our sympathies with and for the Southern Confederacy, in her struggle for independence.

4. That the cause of our injured country shall be made a subject of prayer; also, our public officers, both civil and military; and our noble army should be made special subject of prayer, by all our ministers and members, in the true spirit of prayer, until our oppressors ashamed of their iniquitous work, shall abandon it, peace be again restored, and our independence secured.

5. That we have many reasons which give us confidence to believe that a graeious Providence is smiling upon us, hence we will still look to Him for help. We will be careful that inflation and pride shall not follow the issue, that the glory of God and the good of men may be the result.

J. R. HOLT, chm'n.

The commiteee on Finance presented the following report which was received and adopted:

REPORT.—Your committee, on Finance beg leave to report: That we have examined the accounts of T. J. Fowler, Conference Treasurer, and find that he stands charged with the following amounts:

To cash on hand, 1860,		$170 37
By cash for minutes of 1860,	$45 75	
By cash paid to Mrs. Kerr,	20 00	
By " " " Evans,	20 00	
By " " " Cole,	20 00	
Tra. Ex. of S. Apple to Raleigh by order of Conference Committee,	14 70	
Tra. Ex. of P. W. Allen to East Va. Conf.	8 50	
Tra. Ex. of J. N. Manning per order of Conference committee,	15 75	144 70
Balance in hand for 1860,		$25 67
Received present year,		51 68
Total amount in hand,		$77 35

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. GRAGSON, chm'n.

The committee on Home Missions made the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT,—The committee on Home Missions report: That the subject is one of superior importance, and should be well considered by all who are friendly to the propagation and spread of religious truth.

Your committee would recommend that every minister and member of Conference act as an agent during the coming year in procuring annual and life members of the Home Missionary Society, and that they use their best efforts to increase the funds of the Society as much as possible,

Respectfully submitted,
J. N. MANNING, chm'n.

The committee on the case of Eld. Hobby made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT.—The committee to whom was referred the case of Eld. J. I. Hobby, beg leave to report: That, after a careful and patient investigation of the matter, in the examination of witnesses, together with his own statements, we are of the unanimous opinion that the said Eld. J. I. Hobby has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a christian minister, and we recommend that he be suspended from the exercise of his ministerial functions for the space of twelve months. And we further recommend that the said Eld. Hobby at the expiration of the time aforesaid be restored: Provided, however, that his deportment during that period be such as becomes a minister of the Gospel of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
H. B. HAYES, chm'n.

The committee appointed to correspond with the Freewill Baptists presented the following report which was received and adopted:

REPORT.—Your committee appointed at your last annual session to correspond with the Freewill Baptist Conference, beg leave to report: That from the partial correspondence we have been able to hold with that body of christians, we find that they reciprocate our christian regards, and that they have given us to understand that they intend to change the sittings of their Conference so as to send a messenger to our next annual session to confer more fully on their contemplated union with us. We therefore recommend that a committee be appointed to continue the correspondence until our next annual session. Respectfully submitted.

D. T. DEANES, chm'n.

The chair announced the following committee to correspond with the Freewill Baptists, viz: J. Fowler, J. N. Farrell, H. B. Hayes. The committee on Sabbath Schools made the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT.—Your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report: That when we consider what amount of good has been effected by Sabbath Schools; and knowing as we do, that our ministers are fully aware of their beneficial influence upon the minds of the people, and in preparing the old, and more especially the young, for the reception of the truths of the Gospel, we are surprised to see how little attention is paid to this means of spreading morality and religion among the masses within the bounds of our Conference. We would therefore recommend that each minister endeavor to establish a Sabbath School at each of the churches of his charge, and not suffer this noble cause, which would be so efficient in assisting the cause of christianity, to languish for want of advocates and supporters. Respectfully submitted,

G. G. WALKER, Chm'n.

Conference then adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock, P. M.

October 12th., 7 o'clock, P. M.

Conference convened. The committee on Statistics brought in their report, which was received and adopted. See Appendix.

The committee on Memoirs stated that on account of the pressure of business, they were not able to make any formal report; and asked leave to notice the life and death of Elder J. H. Bland through the Christian Sun, which, on motion, was granted.

The committee on Itinerancy presented the following report which was received and adopted:

REPORT.—Your committee on Itinerancy beg leave to report:

That they have been enabled to supply the following Associations with ministers, viz:—

Dan River Association,	District No.	1,	Wm. S. Long
Tar River Association,	"	2,	J. N. Manning
New Hope Association,	"	3,	Thos. J. Fowler
Middle Creek "	"	4,	J. N. Farrell
Cape Fear "	"	5,	John Goodrich
Moore "	"	6,	—— ——
Deep River "	"	7,	—— ——
Haw River "	"	8,	—— ——
Shallow Ford "	"	9.	—— ——
Salem Chapel "	"	10,	B. N. Hopkins
Lebanon Station,	"	11,	Solomon Apple
Newbern "	"	12,	—— ——
Alamance "	"	13,	—— ——
Wilmington "	"	14.	—— ——

J. W. Wellons goes to the Eastern Virginia Conference.

Respectfully submitted, J. McCULLOCH Chm'n.

[N. B.—Those left blank, being unrepresented, were left to supply themselues.—SEC.]

On motion of J. McCulloch, it was Resolved, That the next session of Conference be held with the church at Damascus, Orange Co., N. C.

On motion of J. McCulloch, Bro. C. A. Apple was requested to prepare the minutes of Conference for the press.

On motion of E. W Beale the thanks of the Conference were unanimously tendered to its officers for their faithful and efficient services.

A motion to adjourn being made and seconded, several brief but touching and pathetic addresses were made by Elder W. B. Wellons and others.

The motion being put and carried, an appropriate hymn was sung and a fervent and soul stirring prayer was offered by Elder J. R. Holt. After singing that old, but ever beautiful hymn beginning with,

When I can read my title clear,

during which time, tears were shed, hands were pressed, and brethren embraced in the hope of an eternal re-union where "parting is no mo more," Conference adjourned to meet at Damascus, Orange county, N. C., on Wednesday evening before the 2nd Sabbath in October 1862.

SOLOMON APPLE, PRESIDENT.

B. N. HOPKINS, Secretary,

C. A. APPLE, Assistant Secretary.

APPENDIX.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	LAY DELEGATES.	Rec'd.	Rem'd.	Died.	Expelled.	Total No. Members.
Hank's Chapel	T J Fowler	J W Hatch, Wm. Ferrill					180
O'Kelly's	" "	J J Jenkins, J F O'Kelly and A Moring			1	3	1	133
Christian Chapel	J N Farrell	J B Ausley, J Johnson and P R Jones	18					130
Pleasant Grove	D T Deanes	W M G Brady, C H Welch and C T Macon				1	1	117
Pope's Chapel	G G Walker	M C Winston, W Pearce and C Sandling	17					127
Mount Bethel	B N Hopkins	G C Boon, and W H Harbin	1					52
Pleasant Spring	J N Farrel	W H Franks and A S Uttley						69
Shallow well	William Rollins	J Gastor and J M Gunter	18	5		1		93
Salem Chapel	B N Hopkins	M J Fulp, J Freeman, W H Matthews	7					120
Midway	W S Long, A Apple	B Sears and C E Allen	4			2		52
Bethel	J R Holt	S Mitchell and W Ellis	3					43
Antioch	J N Farrell	D Oldham and J Johnson	8					40
Pleasant Grove, Va	A Apple	J W Boyd and D T Farmer	1		1			64
Pleasant Ridge	D T Deanes	A J Williams and H Cox						56
Fuller's	G G Walker	Not represented						36
Newbern	P W Allen	" "						184
Pleas't Grove, N C	J Goodrich	N Lawrence and S Beckwith						55
Shiloh, N. C.	D T Deanes	Dr. S J Moffit and J T Moffit			1	1		57
Zion	Wm Rollins, J Goodrich	J Gunter and C Gunter	16		2			99
Oak Level	G G Walker	W K Martin	2					37
Shady Grove	D T Deanes	Not represented						35
Damascus	T J Fowler	M M McCauley and M D Strowd			1	2		64

Christian Union	D T Deanes	R Dean and Isaac Lawrence	2				3	81
Bethlehem	A Isely	Not Represented						100
Good Hope	G G Walker	Israel Dillard and D. Bragg	7	1	1			67
Wake Chapel	J N Farrell	Jno Jones and B Gardiner	5				2	84
Brown's Chapel	D T Deanes	Not represented						24
Union, Va.	J N Manning	R Tuck, C H Winfree, P Tuck and P M Tuck	10					138
Shallow Ford	T J Fowler	Not represented						54
Pleas't Hill, Cht'm	E W Beale	M Murchison, S Edwards and J McPherson						106
Acorn Ridge	D T Deanes	Not represented						12
Liberty Hill	G G Walker	C E Ayscue						11
Farks' X Roads	D T Deanes	Eli Cox and O. Vestal	1				1	50
Ebenezer	B N Hopkins	R Parish	11					28
Brown's Guilford	" "	Not represented	2					23
Gant's Chapel	" "	" "						6
Pine Ridge	" "	" "						6
Hines' Chapel	" "	R Maynard and J Gant						24
N. Providence	A Iseley, E W Beale	W J Gragson and J C Holt						300
Union, Alamance	R G Tinnin, E W Beale	Not represented						475
Lebanon	S Apple	D I Brandon			1			41
Apple's Chapel	A Isely	Not represented						75
Mount Zion	A G Anderson	" "						75
Concord	" "	" "						25
Mount Auburn	G G Walker	J D Cole and L S Mabry	3				2	72
Reece's Chapel	A Apple	Not represented						50
Liberty	A G Anderson	" "						10
Moore Union	Wm Rollins	D Thomas						29
Uttley's S. House	H B Hayes	W Uttley and S Carroll	2					18
Liberty Grove	D T Deanes	E Stewart						9
Plea't Hill, Johnson	J N Farrell	S E Creech and D Byrd	11	1				34
Grand Total,			144	8	15	14	3	990

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Below we give the names of all the churches which sent up money for the Conference fund.

Pleasant Grove, Va ; $5; Union, Alamance, N. C., $7 50; Pleasant Hill, Chatham, $2 ; Mt. Auburn, $5 ; Pope's Chapel, $2 40 ; Shallow Ford, $5 94 ; Hanks' Chapel, $7 ; O'Kelly's Chapel, $7 78; Union, Va., $4 62; Lebanon, $4 ; Damascus, $1 65.

When we reflect how important this fund is, we are surprised to see how few of our churches contribute for it. We were obliged this year, when it was most needed, to omit the appropriations to the widows an orphans of deceased ministers. Can the church bear to see the widows and children of ministers, who have worn themselves out in its service, suffer for want of the necessaries of life ? SECRETARY.

SYNOPSIS OF MINISTERIAL REPORTS :

From the very imperfect reports handid in from a portion only of our ministers, we make the following synopsis :—Sermons preached, 915; Received in fellowship, 176 ; Baptized, 92; Married, (couples,) 26 ; Funeral Sermons, 23.

MINUTES OF THE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY—The Home Missionary Society of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference met pursuant to adjournment, at Hanks' Chapel, Chatham Co., N. C., on the 12th of October, 1861.

On motion, W. K. Martin, Esq., was called to the chair, and E. W. Beale acted as secretary pro. tem. An election was held for officers for the next conference year, which resulted as follows :—Rev. A. G. Anderson, Pres't.; Rev. A. Iseley, Vice President ; Dr. E. F. Watson, Sec'y., and Rev. Josiah McCulloch, Treasurer. On motion, the chair appointed a committee of three to audit the Treasurer's account. On motion the chair appointed a committee of 3 to enquire into Bro. P. W. Allen's losses while at Newbern. The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, handed in a report, which was received and adopted. On motion, Bro. Allen was allowed an order on the Treasurer for an amount in proportion to services rendered the Newbern church.

On motion Bros. Allen and Hayes were allowed interest on their orders from date of the same. On motion, the wife of Elder Josiah McCulloch was made a life member of the Society. The Society then adjourned to meet with the next session of the N. C. and Va. Christian Conference at Damascus church, Orange county, N. C., in October, 1862.

W. K. MARTIN, CHAIRMAN.

E. W. BEALE, Sec'y.

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